

## News Release

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT

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### **CSD Announces DOE Response to ARRA Weatherization Extension Request**

The Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) today announced that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will issue grant modifications to states, in effect extending timeframes for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). California submitted an extension request to DOE last July to fully expend the ARRA WAP grant.

“Through proactively working with both DOE and local providers to remove barriers and enhance local production, California has achieved significant progress over the course of the last few months in program production,” said CSD Interim Director John A. Wagner. “An extension will offer us the opportunity to ensure as many low-income Californians as possible benefit from the availability of these resources during these challenging times.

“Hard work remains ahead of us, and I appreciate the continued commitment of California’s local service providers to the successful implementation of this program.”

In addition to seeking an extension, CSD has undertaken several efforts to ensure California succeeds in fully implementing the ARRA weatherization program. These include:

- Working closely with both federal and local partners, including elevating issues to DOE and removing barriers to local production
- Increasing monitoring and reporting of local providers
- Reallocating funds to local providers in a better position to fully expend

Production under the DOE ARRA grant was originally scheduled to end on March 31, 2012. Under DOE’s announcement today, states will be able to work with DOE on a one-time production extension unique to each state’s production and expenditure levels.

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*CSD is the state-level partner with a statewide network of local community service agencies dedicated to helping low-income Californians achieve and maintain self-sufficiency, meet their home energy needs and reside in housing free from the dangers of lead hazards. CSD administers California’s federal funding share for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program*

*(LIHEAP), Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) WAP and the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program. For more information about CSD and these programs, please visit [www.csd.ca.gov](http://www.csd.ca.gov).*